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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: A Uniform Clearance Program for Individuals  
Other than Full-Time Federal Employees who  
Require Access to U.S. Classified Information

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action by the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. The Executive Secretary, National Security Council, has forwarded for review a report on the subject matter, which report will be referred to the NSC Planning Board for comment and recommendation at its 2 April 1956 meeting.

3. This report contains the recommendations by the Attorney General and the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, that there be extended to cover all Federal employees the provisions of the first "Brucker Report" which dealt initially only with part-time employees (i.e. consultants) and employees of Government contractors. The current recommendations are:

Recommendation 2: "The depths of delegation of authority over day-to-day decisions relating to clearance of civilian officers and employees of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for access to classified information should be reviewed by agency heads in order to insure that such decisions are not made without full participation at high managerial level."

Recommendation 3: "Whenever an agency of the Federal Government makes a security evaluation of any civilian officer or employee of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government requiring access to classified information which conflicts with a comparable security evaluation of any other agency, the agencies involved in the multiple or successive security clearance should meet together at a high level of representation within a period of fifteen days, should consult with each other, and should without delay resolve the conflicting evaluation or reach a common understanding as to the reason for the conflict. The results of this consultation should be approved in writing by the heads of each of the agencies involved, and recorded in the files of each such agency."

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Recommendation 4: "There should be a strict compliance with the provision of Executive Order 10450 which requires that information be recorded in the Civil Service Commission's Security Investigations of Federal government applicants and employees."

Recommendation 6: "Prior to making a decision, other than one of interim or emergency nature, to revoke, suspend, or deny clearance for access to U.S. classified information to any civilian officer or employee of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, an agency head shall have the advice and recommendations of persons at the managerial level who have reviewed and considered the evaluations and recommendations of the Security Officer or other person who considered the case in the first instance."

4. As you know, the "Brucker Report" has been the subject of many discussions as to its applicability and its lack of applicability to this Agency. Secretary Brucker was informed during the early days of consideration of the report that the Agency would comply where it could but would be unable to comply with every requirement. Recommendation No. 2 above represents no real problem since we have complied. Recommendation No. 3 presents no problem inasmuch as the President is understood to have excluded CIA from compliance with this provision where we feel it is impractical. We have periodically notified the Civil Service Commission that we are unable to comply with the provisions of Recommendation No. 4. This was based on the responsibility of the Director to protect intelligence sources and methods and within that responsibility, to prevent their being compiled outside the Agency a complete roster of our personnel. The Agency is complying with the proposed Recommendation No. 6.

5. It is recommended that the CIA representative on the NSC Planning Board offer no objections to the further consideration of this paper and its ultimate adoption.

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L. K. White  
Deputy Director  
(Support)

The recommendation in paragraph 5  
is approved.